1	2	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	4851
4.	Jharkhand	14524
5.	Karnataka	11689
6.	Madhya Pradesh	7748
7.	Maharashtra	7214
8.	Orissa	74434
9.	Rajasthan	12930
10.	Tamilnadu	44027
11.	Uttar Pradesh	19842
12.	West Bengal	24164
13.	Punjab	2761
	GRAND TOTAL	457871

*City-wise data is not being maintained by the Government.

Increase in Child Labour

†967. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of child labourers in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that in this age of liberalization the number of child labourers has increased by 10 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the child labourers relieved of the bounded labour again meet the same fate; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to solve the problem of child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As per Census 2001, the number of working children in the country in the age group of 9—14 years was 1.26 crores and it was 1.12 crores during 1991 Census, which shows an increase of approximately 10% between 1991 and 2001.

(c) and (d) With a view to ensure that the children withdrawn from work do not relapse to work, Government is taking various measures for the educational and vocational rehabilitation of these children under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme and the economic rehabilitation of their families by covering them under the poverty alleviation and income generation Schemes of other Ministries so that they are not forced to send them to work.

Number of Homeless and Landless People

968. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of homeless and landless people in the country, State-wise, as on date;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the steps taken to improve their condition by Government during the last three years; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per Census 2001, the number of agricultural workers in India is 10.67 crores. A statement showing the state-wise data of landless agricultural workers is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has initiated several measures to solve the problems of the landless labourers. Various labour laws like the Minimum Wages Act 1948; the Workmen Compensation Act, 1923; the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (RE&CS) Act 1979 are applicable to these workers. There are various schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Goverrnment for improving the conditions of rural poor including landless labourers. Some of such schemes are: Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana; Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; National Social Assistance Programme; etc. The Government has recently enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which provide 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' for BPL families in Unorganised Sector has been launched on 1st October, 2007. The unorganized sector worker and his family (unit of five) will be covered under the scheme. The total sum insured would be Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis.

With a view to providing death and disability cover to rural landless households, the 'Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana' has been launched on 2nd October, 2007. Under the scheme, the head of the family or one earning member in the family will be insured. The Central Government will bear 50% of the premium of Rs. 200/- per year per person and the remaining 50% of the premium will be borne by State Government. The benefits under the scheme include Rs. 30,000 in case of natural deaths; Rs. 75,000 in case of death due to accident. In case of partial disability due to accident, the insurance cover would be Rs. 37,500/-. The children of beneficiaries of AABY studying in classes 9th to 12th including ITI courses are eligible to a scholarship @ Rs. 300/- per quarter per child for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana.

Similarly, the National Old Age Pension Scheme (Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme) has been expanded to cover all BPL citizens above the age of 65 years will effect from 19.11.2007.

Statement

Number of Landless Agricultural Workers in the Country

(Source: Census 2001)

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UTs	Total
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13832152
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18840
3.	Assam	1263532
4.	Bihar	13417744
5.	Chhattisgarh	3091358
6.	Goa	35806

1	2	3
7.	Gujarat	5161658
8.	Haryana	1278821
9.	Himachal Pradesh	94171
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	246421
11.	Jharkhand	2851297
12.	Karnataka	6226942
13.	Kerala	1620851
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7400670
15.	Maharashtra	10815262
16.	Manipur	113630
17.	Meghalaya	171694
18.	Mizoram	26783
19.	Nagaland	30907
20.	Orissa	4999104
21.	Punjab	1489861
22.	Rajasthan	2523719
23.	Sikkim	17000
24.	Tamil Nadu	8637630
25.	Tripura	276132
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13400911
27.	Uttaranchal	259683
28.	West Bengal	7362957
29.	A & N Islands	5169
30.	Chandigarh	563
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	14715
32.	Daman & Diu	1323
33.	Delhi	15773
34.	Lakshadweep	00
35.	Pondicherry	72251
	TOTAL	106775330

*NOTE: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs of Senapati District in Manipur state as census results were cancelled due to administrative and technical reasons.